

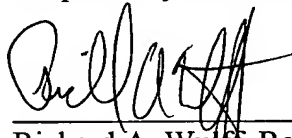
In re Appln. of Dubois et al.
Application No. Unassigned
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/FR03/00022)

Remarks

The specification has been amended to include priority information and to insert headings into the specification. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to comply with current U.S. patent practice. No new matter was added by these amendments.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An operation of a packet communication network is monitored through packets addressed to or transmitted by a control unit of a router pertaining to the communication network. Therefore, a collecting module can be connected to a link of the communication network so as to collect packets corresponding to second packets transferred at an interface between a routing unit and a control unit of a router. The collected packets are selected, then a content and coordinates of the selected packets are sent to a recording unit. In a preferred embodiment, the collecting unit is integrated within the router and the recording unit is connected to the communication network remotely from the router containing the collecting unit.